



Adam Miller &lt;adam.miller@lacity.org&gt;

## Fwd: The Communications Tower on Mt. Lee

2 messages

**Sarah Dusseault** <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

To: Catherine Landers &lt;catherine.landers@lacity.org&gt;, Adam Miller &lt;adam.miller@lacity.org&gt;

Wed, Nov 18, 2015 at 3:47 PM

Adam

Please take the lead on flagging this for us.

Sarah

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mike Dundas <mike.dundas@lacity.org>  
**Date:** November 18, 2015 at 3:44:30 PM PST  
**To:** "Dusseault, Sarah" <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>  
**Cc:** Alexander Ponder <alexander.ponder@lacity.org>  
**Subject:** Re: The Communications Tower on Mt. Lee



Hey Sarah,

Alex asked me to follow up with you. CD 4 can certainly report the video using the flag button under the "more" menu on the page that was linked in the email chain below. You just need somebody with a YouTube account to actually flag it. I will say that it is possible that YouTube would not take this down simply because they may determine that it doesn't violate their existing community guidelines. Not to mention the fact that there are more than a dozen videos of people climbing the sign in the same way, including another one of this very same USC student with more than 50,000 views. See here: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=climb+hollywood+sign](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=climb+hollywood+sign)

To be successful in your report, your staff should probably go through the video to find instances of encouragement to participate in the same activity. Again, there is nothing stopping the council office from flagging the video. Nor is there anything stopping all of your constituents from flagging it and all of the other Hollywood sign videos as well. But the city does not have a special reporting process with YouTube. You would have to flag the video the same way every other person does.

Here are the YouTube guidelines for this kind of content.

*While it might not seem fair to say you can't show something because of what viewers might do in response, we draw the line at content that intends to incite violence or encourage dangerous or illegal activities that have an inherent risk of serious physical harm or death.*

Videos that we consider to encourage dangerous or illegal activities include instructional bomb making, choking games, hard drug use, or other acts where serious injury may result. A video that depicts dangerous acts may be allowed if the primary purpose is educational, documentary, scientific, or artistic (EDSA), and it isn't gratuitously graphic. For example, a news piece on the dangers of choking games would be appropriate, but posting clips out of context from the same documentary might not be.

Videos that incite others to commit acts of violence are strictly prohibited from YouTube. If your video asks others to commit an act of violence or threatens people with serious acts of violence, it will be removed from the site.

We are very sensitive to any harmful or dangerous content that involves minors. If your video shows a minor participating in a harmful or dangerous activity, do not post it. In the interest of protecting minors, we may age-restrict videos containing adults participating in activities that have a high risk of injury or death.

*What we consider when deciding whether to age-restrict or strike a video*

- Whether the act in question could lead to serious injury or death.
- Whether the individuals participating in the act are trained professionals taking all necessary precautions to prevent injury.
- Whether the act could be easily imitated by minors.
- Whether the content could be used to commit serious acts of violence.
- Whether the upload is educational, documentary, scientific or artistic in nature.

Let me know if you have any follow up questions.

Mike

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sarah Dusseault <[sarah.dusseault@lacity.org](mailto:sarah.dusseault@lacity.org)>

Date: Tue, Nov 17, 2015 at 12:30 PM

Subject: Fwd: The Communications Tower on Mt. Lee

To: Alex Ponder <[alexander.Ponder@lacity.org](mailto:alexander.Ponder@lacity.org)>

Can we ask you tube to take it down?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rio

**Date:** November 17, 2015 at 12:29:40 PM PST

**To:** Tony

**Cc:** Christine I

Laure

com>, Tj <[jscott@mc.com](mailto:jscott@mc.com)>, David Ryu <[david.ryu@lacity.org](mailto:david.ryu@lacity.org)>, Mayor Garcetti <[mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org)>, "Sarah Dusseault" <[sarah.dusseault@lacity.org](mailto:sarah.dusseault@lacity.org)>, Catherine Landers <[catherine.landers@lacity.org](mailto:catherine.landers@lacity.org)>, Jennifer Cohen <[jennifer.cohen@lacity.org](mailto:jennifer.cohen@lacity.org)>, Manny Romeral <[25998@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25998@lapd.lacity.org)>, Phil Walters <[27553@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:27553@lapd.lacity.org)>, "michael.a.shull@lacity.org" <[michael.a.shull@lacity.org](mailto:michael.a.shull@lacity.org)>, Kevin Regan <[Kevin.Regan@lacity.org](mailto:Kevin.Regan@lacity.org)>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>, "joe.salaices@lacity.org" <[joe.salaices@lacity.org](mailto:joe.salaices@lacity.org)>, "joseph.castro@lacity.org" <[joseph.castro@lacity.org](mailto:joseph.castro@lacity.org)>, Christine

**Subject: Re: The Communications Tower on Mt. Lee**

I would expect that someone from city should contact Youtube since by displaying it, Youtube is helping to promote illegal and dangerous activity.

On Nov 17, 2015, at 12:27 PM, Tony

ote:

Khaled and I are discussing how best to have it removed without embarrassing USC, and the city. Its tempting to make it bigger, but lets hope the city takes a bit of notice, and steps up support for long term planning to assure our public safety.

We will decide shortly on a path re this video, its still up for opinion If you have one on how to handle this.

Thank you